## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Baxter International Inc.,	)
Opposer,	
<b>v.</b>	) Opposition No.: 91150298 ) Application No. 76/151,380
Inviro Medical Devices, Ltd.	) Application 1vo. 76/151,560
Applicant.	,

## BAXTER'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO INVIRO'S "NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR CONSOLIDATION OF TWO OPPOSITIONS"

In response to Inviro's "Notice and Request for Consolidation of Two
Oppositions", filed on December 10, 2002, Baxter hereby files its timely Response in
Opposition to that motion pursuant to 37 CFR § 2.127(a).

Counsel for Inviro and Baxter have discussed the potential consolidation of the ULTRALINK opposition (No. 91150298) and the SNAPLINK opposition (No. 91152568) on several occasions. However, as Baxter's counsel has made clear to Inviro on these occasions, although the parties to the actions are the same, and Baxter's objection to both marks is based on its rights and uses of its INTERLINK mark, it did not believe that it could make an informed judgment regarding whether consolidation of the matters was practical until Baxter receives at least some substantive information from Inviro regarding its intended uses of the ULTRALINK mark. Baxter had informed Inviro that once some concrete information on intended products and markets were produced, Baxter would consider consent to consolidation, but stressed that it needs the information from Inviro in order to assess whether consolidation is appropriate. Inviro has been

unable or unwilling to give Baxter any information on proposed products it will market under the ULTRALINK mark, other than to recite the laundry list of products proposed in its application, and Inviro has been unable or unwilling to pinpoint its intended market or trade channels other than stating that it would target markets and trade channels that use products listed in its recitation.

Baxter has a fully briefed and pending Motion to Compel before the Board with regard to numerous outstanding discovery issues in the ULTRALINK matter, and on November 5, 2002, Baxter issued follow-up discovery to Inviro in the ULTRALINK matter in order to again try to clarify the issues, and in order to determine whether consolidation of the matters would be prudent. Inviro's response deadline to that discovery was December 10, 2002, and instead of sending such discovery responses to Baxter, Inviro filed this motion to consolidate, as well as a motion to suspend its deadline for answering the outstanding discovery, among other motions. Again, Inviro tries to keep Baxter from obtaining the information it needs to respond to this motion and the case as a whole. (Baxter is simultaneously filing a response to Inviro's motion to suspend, likewise seeking this Board's denial of that request.)

Inviro's counsel is fully aware that Baxter issued the supplementary discovery on November 5, 2002 in light of Inviro's request to consent to consolidate and that Baxter awaits those responses in order to make an informed decision as to whether the issues of fact and law are the same and whether consolidation is appropriate. Therefore, at this time, Baxter objects to Inviro's motion to consolidate, and asks this Board to deny granting such consolidation until Baxter has been given the full discovery it has

requested, and it can learn whether Inviro's intended uses of the marks at issue are actually the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: December 18, 2002

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of BAXTER'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO INVIRO'S "NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR CONSOLIDATION OF TWO OPPOSITIONS" (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) was sent on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002, via United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, to:

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